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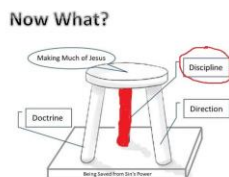
### NOW WHAT? Back to the Basics

## **DISCIPLINE – Part 4** **THE EXERCISE OF GIVING**

### **The Biblical Principle**

#### Matthew 25:14–30

*Jesus was clearly using this monetary word talent metaphorically to imply any God-given ability, gift, resource, etc.*



### **APPLICATION**

#### **1. Stewards of our Time.**

#### Ephesians 5:15–16

*The point is that we need to rescue from loss the time that remains in our life. We need to see this: if we don't manage time, time will naturally move into the waste bin.*

We need to intentionally rescue it and there is a sense of urgency. That is why Paul writes, "The days are evil." Time is short.

1. How many of those hours will go un-redeemed in front of a TV or X-Box?

2. How many of those hours will go un-redeemed in reading 3<sup>rd</sup> rate literature and listening to 3<sup>rd</sup> rate media?
3. How many of those hours will go un-redeemed in amusements – mindless activities that gain no profit?
4. How many of those hours will go un-redeemed in things that have no eternal value?

*“So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom” (Psalm 90:12, ESV).*

## **2. Stewards of our Personalities, Gifts and Abilities.**

[Ephesians 2:10; Colossians 1:9–10](#)

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*“Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service, you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His own already.” – C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity*

## **3. Stewards of our Money**

The Biblical principle Proverbs 3:9 (ESV): ***Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce.***

[2 Corinthians 9:7](#)

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## **CONCLUSION**

Are we “redeeming the time”? Are we investing our lives in eternal things?  
Are we honoring the Lord with our money?

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